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SUBJ: THE BHUTTO APPEAL GOES ON

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 6776

1. THE EIGHTH WEEK OF THE PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT'S HEARING
IN THE APPEAL OF FORMER PRIMIN BHUTTO AND FOUR OTHERS ON
THEIR MURDER/CONSPIRACY CONVICTIONS PRODUCED NO
SURPRISES. YAHYA BAKHTIAR, BHUTTO'S COUNSEL, CONTINUED TO
ARGUE THAT THE TESTIMONY OF THE PROSECUTION WITNESSES
WAS UNRELIABLE.
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-- BAKHTIAR FOCUSED ON OMISSIONS IN MASOOD MAHMOOD'S
ORIGINAL STATEMENT AND CONFESSION, CLAIMING THAT FACTS
WERE ADDED AT THE TIME OF THE LAHORE HIGH COURT TRIAL. BAKHTIAR
ARGUED THAT THE OMISSIONS AMOUNTED TO CONTRADICTIONS IN
MAHMOOD'S TESTIMONY, THUS PROVING HIM TO BE AN UNRELIABLE
WITNESS.

-- BAKHTIAR ALSO ATTACKED MAHMOOD'S EVIDENCE ON THE
GROUNDS IT COULD NOT BE CORROBORATED. BAKHTIAR
NOTED THAT " THE LAW CLEARLY LAID DOWN THAT AN ACCOMPLICE
COULD NOT CORROBORATE ANOTHER ACCOMPLICE".

-- BAKHTIAR ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT THE TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE'S WITNESSES GHULAM HUSAIN, SAEED AHMAD KHAN,
AND MR. WELCH. HE PRODUCED DOCUMENTS WHICH HE SAID
PROVED THEY WERE NOT PRESENT AT ALLEGED MEETINGS WITH
BHUTTO.

2. THE HEARING RESUMES ON JULY 29.
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